



# BELLTOWNPOWER



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“Belltown Power is committed to working with landowners and local communities to responsibly develop renewable energy projects that deliver our UK climate change targets, support our fundamental belief that communities should benefit from hosting renewable energy projects, and ensure a green and sustainable future for generations to come.”

## About Belltown

Belltown Power is an established UK based clean energy company at the leading edge of renewables project development in the UK and USA. Since 2013, we have successfully delivered 22 projects totalling over 200MW of now operating wind, solar, and hydropower capacity across the UK. We are committed to playing our part in enabling the energy transition and combating the climate emergency and have over 1GW of unsubsidised UK wind and solar projects under development.

We have strong development values and engage in transparent, open and tailored consultations with landowners and local communities.

## Community Benefits

Our existing projects have already provided over £1.5m of community benefit towards local community initiatives across the country and will contribute a further £5m over the remainder of their operational lifetimes. This includes an upfront grant of £500,000 from the Tirgwynt Wind Farm to support the construction of a brand-new primary school building for Ysgol Carno in Powys, Wales. Whether projects are subsidised or unsubsidised we will continue to ensure that communities receive tangible financial benefit from hosting them and are committed to delivering community benefit worth £5,000/MW p.a. installed on all of our wind projects, in line with the Scottish Government’s best practice guidance.

**£1.5m**

COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONTRIBUTED



## Community Ownership

Our ground-breaking Community Ownership proposition is different to anything offered by the industry in the UK and is designed to not only offer local investment, but to actually enable local communities to take that offer up and secure real ownership that benefits everyone. Our offer includes giving local communities 1% of our projects for free and allowing them to buy up to an additional 4% at cost once the project is operational. We also provide the option to bring forward community benefit to make this purchase, allowing communities the ability to purchase meaningful stakes, even if they are unable to raise finance themselves.





## Environmental Enhancement

In addition to powering over 100,000 homes and displacing over 170,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year, our sites have also won awards for their quality, biodiversity, and good practice within the industry. This includes the UK's first construction wildlife award from the Wildlife Trusts for the high standard of environmental management and commitment to protecting and enhancing the wildlife on the Frodsham Wind Farm in Cheshire, which is home to Cheshire's only pair of successfully breeding marsh harriers.

**100,000**

HOMES POWERED



We propose and implement a comprehensive and tailored Ecological Management Plan for our projects in order to protect and enhance the specific local biodiversity and ecology of both the site and the surrounding area. So far, this action has shown great ecological success; for example, we have recorded 23 different red and amber listed bird species on just one of our solar energy sites, including the black redstart, which number fewer than 500 overwintering in the UK.

**170,000t**

CARBON DISPLACED



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## Education Programme

The Belltown Power Education Programme already supports 15 schools local to our sites and we have ambitions to grow this as new projects come on-line. Across the lifetime of just these existing projects we expect to provide school visits to the sites, in-classroom activities, and bespoke educational resources to over 10,000 children, aiming to inspire the next generation of engineers, scientists and climate emergency tacklers.

**15**

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED



## The Cnoc Buidhe Project

The Cnoc Buidhe site was carefully selected by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) through their 2019 Energy Offering as one of the most suitable sites within their portfolio for renewable development. The site has robust and strong wind resource, is located near to available grid capacity and consolidates with existing wind clusters such as Beinn an Tuirc and Tangy.

After a competitive and comprehensive tender process, Belltown was selected as FLS's preferred developer for this site. After initial investigations we are confident that there is a great opportunity to make a material contribution to Scotland's Net Zero targets through peatland restoration, low carbon electricity production and potential new woodland creation. Further, the rent we will pay for leasing the land over the lifetime of the project will go back into the public purse in Scotland. We will work hard to ensure that the design of the wind farm and the placement of turbines minimises peatland disturbance and compliments the topography of the site to reduce visual impact.

